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Mr. H. Christian Sonne  
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National Planning Association  
1606 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Chris:

Thank you for your letter of November 26  
concerning the December 10 NPA Annual Joint Meeting.

I regret exceedingly that I shall be unable  
to attend the luncheon or the dinner inasmuch as  
I already had accepted engagements for that day  
prior to the arrival of your letter.

Many thanks, however, for your kind invitation.

Sincerely,

*Allen Dulles*  
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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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November 26, 1956

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Allen:

On behalf of the NPA Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the luncheon and dinner session of the NPA Annual Joint Meeting, to be held at the Hotel Statler in Washington on Monday, December 10. The Annual Meeting, as you may know, is the occasion when our Board and Standing Committees -- Agriculture, Business, Labor and International -- meet to consider important questions of national policy.

Our guest speaker at the luncheon session will be His Excellency Gaganuihari Lallubhai Mehta, Ambassador of India, who will speak on "The Economics of Indian Development." The luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Congressional Room, preceded by cocktails in the foyer of the Federal Room.

Our guest speaker at the dinner on Monday evening will be Dr. Luther Gulick, President, Institute of Public Administration, who will speak on "New Governmental Needs of Our Metropolitan Areas". The dinner will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Presidential Ballroom, preceded by cocktails at 6:30 p.m. in the same room. The dinner will be in business dress.

We would appreciate your letting us know as soon as possible whether or not you can attend these sessions.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you, and with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
H. Christian Sonne